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DELAY IN THE TRIAL

The delay in the Thaw trial be cause of the death of the wife of one of the jurors is indeed most unfortunate and it has made the result of this case more doubtful than ever. That both counsel should agree to halt the trial was all right from a charitable viewpoint but it seems as if there must be some motive behind the granting of the liberty of the remaining It jurors. What the motives are of course purely guesswork Delmas has his and Jerome was willingg for another reason. The gentone of the reports from court room are to the effect that Juror Bolton will not be able to go into the box again on Monday, and if such proves the case Justice Fitzgerald will probably declare the whole trial a miscarriage.

What will happen then is purely problematical, but it would seem as if meant that Jerome, having given all hopes of sending Thaw to the chair, would apply for a lunacy commission to pass upon the mental condition of the accused murderer The accused's counsel would probably be willing to accept such a course but Thaw announces with a great deal of bravado that he would rather go to the chair than to the insane asylum. That, however, remains to

The death of the wife of Juror Bolton will undoubtedly call attention anew to the many faults of the American jury system. It was a positivo cruelty to keep that man apart from his dylag wife, but under the circumstances there was nothing else to do and law has another tri While an awful blow for the afflicted husband, perhaps, the death of Mrs. Bolton may result in a great lasting benefit to the criminal courts of this country.

ROOSEVELT FOR TAFT.

Presidential politics constantly trude themselves upon the attention of men in the national capital. Beyoud question Secretary Taft is the choice of Mr. Roosevelt for President. There was a time when it was thought inadvisable to nominate Taft because he made decisions adverse to labor when on the Federal bench, but men of affairs say that his position then is not to weigh against what he stands for in carrying out the policies of the present administration. It is quite possible that Taft cannot get the Ohio delegation, but such strange things happen that we may see Foraker placing Taft in nomination.

If Taft should be out of it many are inclined to think the friends of the administration would seriously consider Speaker Cannon. It seems to be generally understood that there is not the sightest friendliness on the part of Roosevelt for the candidacy of Fairbanks and from all that can be gathered it is apparent that support in preference to allowing the tion of \$1,125,000 for improving the nomination to go to Fairbanks. Fair- Hudson river. banks' support in Indiana 'is honeycombed with friendliness for Can-

see Indiana men desert the Vice-President after a few ballots if he did not seem sure of a nomination. And in this connection it may be recalled that organized labor is as bitterly opposed to Cannon as it could possibly be to thit. Taft is just as available on that consideration as Cannon.

Foraker's position is peculiar He may, like Dave Hill in 1892, carry his own State delegation and yet see Taft nominated by the remainder of the country. Cleveland was nominated without New York and in the face of tremendous opposition from the organized party in New York, and yet he was triumphantly elected. The assertion of former Gov. Herrick, of Ohio, that Foraker was always against the Republican Administration, no matter who was at its head. has caused quite a little ripple in politeal waters. We can remember that Foraker was opposed to Harrison. fighting his nomination as hard as ne could; that he was opposed to Me-Kinley, doing all he could to bring on the war with Spain which was opposed by the President; and that he opposed Roosevelt's railroad legislation and is now opposing him in the Brownsville matter.

TIME TO STOP IT.

The story of a barbarous case of vivisection reported from Illinois has furnished a fresa argument for advocates of restrictive legislation for experimentation with animals. story which has just come to the notice of leaders in the vivisection reform agitation is to the effect that two students of the Maplewood High School, at Camp Pond, near Quincy Ill., captured a dog on the street and took it to the basement of the school or an operation. The shocking detalls of the experiment so unnerved members of the class that they left the room. The dog's howls were silenced by throwing it into the fur-

At present experimentation with animals is not under legal supervision. It is pointed out that such experiments are in any event of little value as they only repeat what has already been done, over and over again. It is admitted that vivisection under proper supervision should be permitted to exist. It should, how ever, it is claimed, be absolutely prohibited for purposes of demonstra tion, when in the least degree painful.

RICHMOND UNIVERSITY.

That the progress thus far to unite all of the educational institutions in Richmond has been so rapid and successful is a cause of congrat ulation, for not Richmond alone, the entire Old Dominion as well. As the state capital we all take a pride in the City of Richmond and anything that will be a benefit and beautify her is a cause of rejoicing. Then again there is no doubt but that if the plans of the organizers are carried out to a successful culmination that education will be aided, as well as the city in which the greater university will be located. Not any of colleges or seminaries will lose their individuality but will have a larger scope after the consolidation and will be able to give their students many advantages which they do not now enjoy.

A man out in California who had both legs and arms cut off found a woman who was willing to marry him and then she conducted a law suit against a railroad with such ability that she secured for her husband \$100,000 damages. That was a remnant bargain, was it not?

The horrible death that Massey to believe that no mistate made if the proper authorities made a careful investigation of the subject of executions by the electric chair.

The High School Student for February is out and the very high standard of the publication is maintained Globe The current issue is full of interesting reading and certainly reflects great credit upon the entire staff.

We have the same sun in Newport News that they have in Pittsburgh, but thank goodness we are not mixing our weather the way they are in the Smoky, City.

Suppose Congress does pass a law to prevent any newspaper publishing the Thaw trial from using the mails, there are the express companies to fall back upon,

Well, well, Senator Depew is actually doing something in the Senate. Cannon would receive Roosevelt's He has secured an extra appropria-

It is an open question whether the non. "We are for Fairbanks, but 'Un-demonstration of the Prohibitionists cle Joe' would make a good race," is in Washington did not accomplish so frequently heard that we might more harm than it did good.

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WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

Expert testimony in the Thaw case would convict Lincoln of insantity for replying to a charge that Grant drank too much by offering to buy a bar-rel of Grant's whiskey for each of the other generals.—Florida Times-Union

looks as though the open season for hunting railroads had been ex tended—Charleston News and Cou-

If we are thankful for Governor Hughes, we may also be thankful that from his ticket we got only Hughes. -New York Press

Japan will never understand why the President of a country should consult with the Mayor of a city about a treaty.—Washington Star.

It is with pleasure that one sees a railroad fined \$15,000 for rebating, but what hurts is that an ice company got the rebate.-Buffalo Times

A Paris doctor, it is reported, has invented a serum that will stop gamb-ling. No district attorney's office should be without it.—New York

The "yellows'" story of the great trial will not be complete without a few burning thoughts from the typewriter of Marie Corelli.—Philadelphia Record.

Very likely war will not visit us Very likely war will not visit us in the immediate future, but it will be much less likely to do so if we are prepared with a strong navy to meet it should it come.—Chicago Journal.

The Governor and other officials of Massachusetts have joined leading business men in petitioning the President and Congress for an immediate revision of the tariff. This tariff revision sentiment is mostly the result of the failure of Congress to carry out the reciprocity plans contemplated by the original Dingley act.—Buffalo Express. act .- Buffalo Express

certainly looks as if California had agreed to sound the "cease fir-ing" signal. This and the announce-ment of Sir Wilfred Laurier that Can-The horrible death that Massey and will never willingly make war will met at the hands of the State of on the United States ought to open Virginia in Farmville would lead one the way for white-winged Peace to the war clouds on the horizon, which, beginning no larger than a man's hand, have never increased their inf tial dimensions.-Boston Transcript.

The king has given Mr. Bryce an DM. The American people had al-eady given him an OK.—Boston ready

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Eager: "How did you create such demand for your patent medicine?"

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Enger: "But didn't it cost almost a fortune to advertise?" Quack: "Oh, no! I just got the police to order the drug stores not to sell it on Sundays."—Florida Times-Union Times-Union.

Town Will Elect Its Postmaster.

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The town of Prospect. Marion county, Ohio, with a population of about 3,300, is to vote for the most popular man for postmaster, irrespective of politics, and then send the selection to Roosevelt for appointment.

The proposition is new and practically makes a Federal appointive position an elective one.

Grant Mouser, who represents the Prospect district in the House, has decided upon the plan.—Washington Dispatch in New York American.

Old Maxim Revised.

Captain Hobson evidently thinks don't peaceful is that warlike does.— Columbia State,

THE NEW CHINESE ARMY.

Not Yet a Modern Army, But on the Way to Perfection.

Today China's soldiers are armed with the best products of German and Japanese skill. They are trained by Japanese officers in strategy and tac-tics. They are equipped with signal balloons, wireless telegraphy and a Red Cross society.

Their officers are graduates of exancse instructors. Modern history has but one other example of a na-tion so thoroughly, so rapidly and so earnestly renovating an antiquated and useless military system as Chi-ne. That example is Japan.

China's army is en route to perfec-tion. Will it arrive? Has it wearled by the way? Is the march ahead of too great distance? These are the questions now asked as the result of the second annual manoeuvres of the Chinese imperial army, which took place near Chang-te Fu. 1

As was said by one of the experts:
"The manoeuvres were good, but not
startling. They were more or less
of a disappoint. of a disappointment. Last year those who came to scoff remained to praise "Enough could not be said in approlation. The press went mad. The prolation. The press went mad, The yellow peril was iniminent—at hand, in fact. All Europe was agitated. America wondered and the world at large entertained new ideas of China and her army.

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"This year there was no illusion. Crrities came to criticise, as they thought, a modern army; then realized how unfair they had been.

"They found that China had not produced a modern army, as Western countries understand the term; that conditions, as found in China, were too great a handicap; that her army, as a homogeneous unit does not exist; that it is quasi-imperial and subis quasi-imperial and subject to the forces of the Empire, and that, therefore, the present day stand-ard of Western nations cannot be ap-Other critics look upon China's mil-

regard the Chinese solder with con-tempt no longer. He has proved his capability. His discipline is excellent.

lent.

"Give me a few thousand of such
men." said one attache. "and I should
not be afraid to march from Pekin
to Canton in the face of any opposition that China at present can produce."

When it is remembered that these When it is remembered that these same soldiers which are now calling for the admiration of the military critics of ten nations were only yesterday the spearmen of China's antediluvian army, and as such the expression of the anarchronistic art, one is able to grasp the progress which China has made toward military generation.—Harper's Weekly.

Any Kind.

The kiss antisepticus Pass it along to us, fact, pass us any kind of a kiss. So long as a maid is back Of the entrancing smack

We'll gather all of it cooling with bliss.

The kiss undeodorized. A kiss frank and undisguised, kiss rut-y-red though 'tis laden with

germs;
So long as a maid is there,
Blue-eyed with fluffy hair.
Oh, give us a kiss and just name your own terms!

A kiss that is purified, Washed and hung out and dried, reed from its germs and all ready to

swap,

Might worry some a bit

But we fair long for it,

Pass it to us and don't ever cry

"Stop!"

Pass it to us. we say, The

Any kiss, any way, kiss antisepticus or the kiss plain, A germ-laden bunch o bliss,

Or a quite germless kiss, kiss in the sunshine or a kiss in the rain. Of widow or wife or maid
Where is the man afraid?
where is the man who would
dare turn his back? Oh!

May the years him annoy, Bring him no meed of joy, Keep from him even the germ of a

War Face for Peace Palace.

Punch hears that the artist who is painting President Roosevelt's fulllength portrait for presentation to the Peace Palace at The Hague is having a hard time of it. The difficulty is said to be that

The difficulty is said to be that Mr. Roosevelt's face is of a pugnacious type into which it seems impossible to coax an appropriate lamblike expression.—London Cable in New York Times.

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